

A full-page photograph of a smiling couple in wedding attire sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. The man is wearing a black suit and the woman is wearing a white wedding dress with a veil. They are both looking at each other and smiling. The background shows a blurred building and some greenery.

BEA AND ADRIEN'S WEDDING

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Food recommendations
Local tips
and so much more

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We're so excited you'll be joining us in the Philippines for our wedding!



We're so grateful you'll be traveling all this way to celebrate our special day with us. It means the world to have our family and friends together in the Philippines — a place so close to our hearts.

This little guide was made to help you plan your stay, explore local favorites, and make the most of your trip. Whether you're here for a few days or a full vacation, we hope you enjoy every moment — from the sunny mornings to the celebrations that await!

- Bea & Adrien

WELCOME
MESSAGE

PRE - TRIP CHECKLIST



Here's a brief list to help you get ready for your trip to the Philippines. January is peak travel season, so book early and double-check the essentials!

- Book your flight to Manila (MNL – Ninoy Aquino International Airport)
- Reserve your hotel → Sta. Rosa, Alabang, Makati, or Bonifacio Global City (BGC) are great locations to stay in
- Check your passport validity (6 months beyond travel)
- Buy travel insurance (recommended)
- Fill out your eTravel form within 72 hours before flight → <https://etravel.gov.ph>
- Pack light—January temperatures usually range from 24-30 degrees celsius
- Download apps below

Digital prep and apps

- eTravel QR code: Required for entry into the Philippines
- eSIMs: Globe or Smart are the most popular providers
- Grab: Local “Uber” for rides and food delivery
- Google Maps/Waze: Navigation
- Messenger/WhatsApp/Viber: For communication
- GCash/Maya: Optional local e-wallets

WHERE TO STAY

Whether you want to stay close to the venue or explore nearby areas, here are some hotels we recommend:



Seda Nuvali (Sta. Rosa)

- Modern lakeside hotel surrounded by nature, closest to the wedding venue.



Azumi Boutique Hotel (Alabang)

- Stylish boutique stay with minimalist interiors and a stunning rooftop infinity pool.



The Bellevue Manila (Alabang)

- Elegant full-service hotel known for its comfort, great dining, and warm Filipino hospitality.



Seda BGC (Taguig)

- Contemporary hotel in Bonifacio Global City, perfect for exploring the city before or after the wedding.



NewWorld Makati Hotel (Makati)

- Contemporary hotel in Bonifacio Global City, perfect for exploring the city before or after the wedding.



WHERE TO EAT

m.l. = multiple locations

- **Manam** (m.l.) – Filipino classics with a modern twist. Try: Crispy Sisig, Ube Sago Shake
- **Café Breton** (m.l.) – Sweet and savory crepes. Try: Déjà Vu Crepe, Mozzarella Burger
- **Breakfast at Antonio's** (Tagaytay) – Elegant brunch with a view. Try: Homemade Bacon, Hot Chocolate
- **Bungalow Café** (Alabang) – Cozy brunch spot. Try: Adobo Rice, Ricotta & Prosciutto Salad
- **Café Via Mare** (m.l.) – For merienda (Filipino snack time). Try: Pancit Luglug, Puto Bumbong
- **Mary Grace Café** (m.l.) – Filipino comfort food & cakes. Try: Ensaymada, Mango Bene, Tapsilog
- **Potato Corner** (m.l.) – Flavored fries you'll find everywhere. Try: BBQ, Cheese, or Sour Cream
- **Yushoken Ramen** (Alabang) – The best ramen in the South. Try: Shoyu or Tantanmen
- **Miyazaki** (Alabang) – Classic Japanese done right. Try: Chirashi Don, Tempura
- **Ooma** (m.l.) – Fun, modern Japanese. Try: Spicy Tuna Tataki, Ebi Tempura Maki
- **Blackbird** (Makati) – Elegant dining in a heritage building. Try: Laksa, Cheesecake
- **Italianni's** (m.l.) – Crowd-pleasing Italian. Try: Spinach Dip, Tiramisu
- **Pancake House** (m.l.) – Filipino diner comfort food. Try: Pan Chicken, Pancakes
- **Pepper Lunch** (m.l.) – DIY sizzling rice plates. Try: Beef Pepper Rice
- **Din Tai Fung** (m.l.) – Iconic xiao long bao. Try: Pork XLB, Spicy Wontons
- **Café Mediterranean** (m.l.) – Light, flavorful meals. Try: Shawarma, Kebabs, Hummus
- **Mang Inasal** (m.l.) – Grilled chicken fast food fave. Try: Chicken Inasal, Halo-Halo

LOCAL TIPS

Language

- **English** is widely spoken, so getting around and asking for help is easy.
- A simple “Salamat!” means thank you!

Getting around

- Grab is the easiest way to book rides (like Uber).
- Traffic can be unpredictable — give yourself extra time, especially when traveling to or from the airport.
- For safety reasons, avoid public transportation in Manila

Money

- Cash is still king in smaller shops, and local eateries.
- ATMs are easy to find; look for ones in malls or hotels.
- Tipping 5–10% is appreciated but not required. Sometimes it’s included in your bill as “service charge”

Weather

- January is dry season — expect warm days (25–30°C / 77–86°F).
- Bring light clothes, sunscreen, and stay hydrated.

Shopping

- Big malls (Glorietta, Greenbelt, SM Aura) have everything — from local boutiques to international brands.
- Try Kultura Filipino for souvenirs and crafts made in the Philippines.

Food and water

- Tap water isn’t safe to drink — buy bottled or filtered water.
- If you have food allergies, mention them clearly when ordering — many Filipino dishes use soy sauce, peanuts, or seafood. Most restaurants are accommodating, just make sure to say, “I am allergic to ___, please no ___.”

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Join our WhatsApp group

We've set up a WhatsApp group for our international guests — a quick and easy way to stay updated, ask questions, and coordinate plans. Just scan the QR code to join!

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